

Port Authority Bill Supported In House Caucus

84 Republicans' Action Assures Passage of Recommendations When a Vote Is Taken by Assembly

Senate for Fraud Curb

Passes Measure to Guard Elections: Legislation Offered to Relieve Courts

From a Staff Correspondent
ALBANY, Feb. 14.—A conference called by Speaker Macdonald this afternoon, to determine the support among Republican members of the Meyer-Gustick bill carrying out the Port Authority's legislative recommendations, revealed that the bill is assured of more than the number of votes required to pass it in the House.

Not one of the eighty-four Republican Assemblymen present voted against the measure. The only member who took exception to it in any degree was Assemblyman James H. Guilfield, of Brooklyn, who reserved the right to vote for the amendment to give the City of New York a voice in the appointment of Port Commissioners when the bill comes up for passage.

The Governor's bill, which doubles the membership of political party committees so as to provide for equal representation of women with men on these committees, also is assured of passage in the Assembly, although there are several Republican members who will oppose it. The conference produced seventy-two votes in favor of the bill.

May Ask Bucketshop Probe

Senator Fred B. Pitcher, of Watertown, who last year introduced a resolution calling for the creation of a legislative committee to investigate bucketshops, said today that he may reintroduce his resolution in view of the disclosure made by the District Attorney's office of wholesale frauds perpetrated by irresponsible brokers.

The Whitley bill, which authorizes the Attorney General to appoint special deputy attorneys general to guard against election frauds, passed the Senate today. The bill carries an appropriation of \$50,000.

The Senate Civil Committee reported favorable the Strauss bill, which prohibits purchase and sale of stocks and bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Assemblyman Walter F. Clayton, of Brooklyn, introduced a bill drafted by Justice Henry J. Lewis, former Kings County District Attorney, providing that persons convicted of a felony and who have previously been convicted of a crime punishable in a state prison.

Bill of Courts Proposed
Two bills of the Lyman administration, Senator Bernard Downing, of Albany, introduced a bill designed to transfer the powers of the courts on so far as they apply to New York City, to the Bronx Commission of Parks and to the Westchester County Board of Supervisors, so far as they apply to that county. The objection to the present law is the mandatory expenditure of city money on a project in which the city has no control.

Four bills, introduced by Senator Austin A. Collins, provide increased salaries to judges of the courts.

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Negro Preacher Gets New Trial on Theft Charge

Jury, Who Changed Vote to Convict, Blames Another Who Told of Remark in Court

Judge Crain, in General Sessions, granted a new trial yesterday to Henry Stanley, a negro preacher, of 2063 Madison Avenue. Stanley was convicted two weeks ago by a jury of grand larceny in the first degree.

The motion was made for a new trial by Charles F. Howe, attorney for Stanley, after Judge Crain had read a letter from a juror asserting he was influenced by something outside of the case in arriving at a verdict.

When Stanley was arraigned for sentence Judge Crain said: "I have received a very curious letter from James M. Hugh, one of the jurors in the case. He tells me he voted to acquit the defendant, as several others also did, but that his judgment was interfered with by Leonard Wass, one of the jurors, of 108 East 107th Street, who told the other jurors he had heard an Assistant District Attorney's aid tell the defendant he was a criminal." Judge Crain after granting the new trial fixed \$1,500 bail for Stanley, in default of which he was sent to the Tombs.

Stanley served with the old 15th Regiment, which United States District Attorney William S. Hayward commanded. He was convicted of participating in the theft of fifty-five barrels of sugar from the Coca Cola Company, of 320 West Thirty-seventh Street, where he was employed as a chauffeur.

Husband Forbade Visits To Mother, Says Wife

Dentist Accused of Blows and Harsh Language in Suit for Alimony

Mrs. Sarah C. Potter, wife of Howard M. Potter, a Manhattan dentist, whose home is in Riverview Manor, Hastings-on-Hudson, filed application for alimony and counsel fees yesterday at White Plains before Supreme Court Justice Platt, pending trial of an action for separate maintenance. She charges Howard would not permit her to visit her mother.

In her filings on the case Mrs. Howard declares her husband's income is \$12,000 a year, and that he owns a palatial house at Hastings. Dr. Potter asked time to file affidavits showing his income to be less than claimed by Mrs. Howard. The Howards were married in 1920.

The wife alleges that in January, 1921, Howard forbade her paying visits to the home of her mother. In February, 1921, she relates, Howard told her he had no affection for her whatever and wished she would get out of the house. On November 16, Mrs. Howard alleges, she was struck in the face by Howard.

Dr. Howard in his reply says the trouble was due to the influence of his wife's parents, who had opposed the marriage and threatened to disinherit her. He relates that on one occasion when visiting the home of his parents-in-law he and Mrs. Howard were ordered to leave and never return.

Aldermen Set Brexity Record. Ending Meeting in 20 Minutes

The Board of Aldermen set a record for a short session yesterday when it adjourned in twenty minutes. A report had been expected from the Committee on Public Thoroughfares on the proposed ordinance to regulate the speed of motor trucks and automobiles by the installation of governors, but Alderman John J. O'Rourke, chairman of the committee, said that the committee was not yet ready to report.

The board adopted resolutions of respect for the late Arthur M. Murphy, a former member of the board and Democratic leader of the Bronx. Arrangements will be made to give over a part of the time of the board's meeting on March 7 as a memorial meeting.

Governor Again Assails Work of N.Y. Association

Tells Wickesham Publicity Work of Secretary Is Marked by Partisanship, Misleading Propaganda

Charges Misuse of Facts

Cites Allegations Regarding State Institutions' Employees as an Example

From a Staff Correspondent
ALBANY, Feb. 14.—In a letter sent to former United States Attorney General Wickesham Governor Miller reiterated his criticism of the New York State Association, and said that the association's secretary was partisan in his publicity work, which he characterized as "misleading propaganda." Friends of the Governor asserted that the association, through the work of one or two of its agents, has been used constantly for more than a year as a campaign committee for ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith.

The Governor's reply to Mr. Wickesham, who is vice-president of the association, said:

"I acknowledge your letter of February 11. I trust I do not have to assure

you that I do not question the motives either of yourself or of the members of the New York State Association, many of whom, like yourself, are my personal friends. The difficulty is that your association necessarily has to do its publicity work through a secretary.

Exposes Partisan Article

"The partisan character of his work was disclosed in an article published by the association upon the adjournment of the Legislature, which the association itself felt called upon to disavow. That has been better concealed since, but the misleading nature of the propaganda has not changed.

"I have not the time to go into details to point out to you the numerous instances of misleading use of facts and figures in such fashion as to create an absolutely false impression and to produce false deductions. It is unnecessary for me to say whether that has been intentional. The fact remains the same in either event.

"The misleading use that can be made of actual facts is shown by your own letter. In reference to the increase in the number of attendants and nurses in the state institutions you draw the inference, and I am sure you are sincere in doing it, that the Legislature last winter decreased the number actually employed in the institutions, but that in some fashion a way was found to avoid dismissing those whose positions were abolished, and you infer that the best of your association may have had weight in preventing the proposed reductions.

More Nurses Provided For

"The one who prepared the information quoted for your letter should have known, because he referred to the proceeding leading to the dismissal of Commissioner Higgins, that it was clearly brought out in these proceedings

that the Legislature had actually made provision for more attendants and nurses than were then actually employed in the state service, so that it has been possible under the provision made by the Legislature materially to increase such number. This merely illustrates the misleading use that can be made of figures.

"Now, the fact is that the Legislature abolished last year more than 2,800 positions. That does not mean that there were that number of dismissals from the state service, because many of the positions were vacant. It does mean that the abolition of the position itself prevented its being filled. The fact is that in place of being an increase of 1,000 employees there has been a decrease in the state department proper of practically that amount and the records of the Civil Service Commission will show an actual decrease of positions in state departments proper of 628, without taking any account whatever of so-called laborers not included by the Civil Service Commission in its table of positions."

Pan-American Society Elects

At its fifth annual meeting, held in the Chamber of Commerce Building, the Pan-American Society of the United States yesterday elected Severo Mallet-Prevost president to succeed Dr. John Bassett Moore, who was recently elected to the International Court of Justice. He was named honorary president. Headquarters for the organization have been obtained at 89 Broad Street, and plans are being formulated to make the building available for all persons coming from the Latin-American countries as a source of information.

Other officers elected are: First vice-president, J. G. White; second vice-president, John Barrett; third vice-president, James M. Motley, and treasurer, Morris K. Parker.

Amter Offers Jobless Advice, but No Work

Unemployed Enrolled for Organization, at Meeting, and Collections Will Start Soon

Israel Amter, of the Friends of Soviet Russia, convened another meeting of the jobless yesterday. This was at 47 Chrystie Street, and was attended almost exclusively by unemployed dock workers. What most of the men seemed to want was jobs, but Amter was unable to offer them any. However, a committee to conduct further meetings and to gather the jobless together in other parts of town was formed to extend the ranks of the Organization of the Unemployed.

Amter said he had been so flustered on Monday by the battalions and squadrons of police and the "chekas," or secret police, commonly referred to in America as "dicks," that he had forgotten to mention Lincoln's birthday. Lincoln had failed, he said, completely to emancipate the negroes, who, with their white co-laborers, were as much slaves to-day as ever.

Busy assistants enrolled all who were present at yesterday's meeting on a card index. The various groups are to send two delegates each to a central council of the jobless, and 5 cent collections will be taken up to print handbills and perhaps put advertisements in foreign-language newspapers.

Want Women Discharged

VIENNA, Feb. 14.—The discharge of all female employees in the public services, their places to be taken by jobless married men, was the chief demand expressed at a great mass meeting of unemployed here to-day. Another demand was the abolition of overtime and piecework in all industries.

Some fiery speeches were made, but there was no disorder. In fear of a demonstration, most of the city's shops had put up their shutters and heavy police patrols were in evidence. It is estimated that there are 30,000 unemployed union workers in Vienna at present, an increase of 50 per cent in two months.

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